Construction of Airport at Bhuj (Gujarat)

2009. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Government of Gujarat has given a land three years ago to the Airports Authority of India at Bhuj for construction of domestic Air Port Building, Taxi Stand and for other meaningful use;

(b) whether it is also a fact that forty-five acres of land have been given and at present it is in the possession of the Airports Authority of India;

(c) the details of amount which has been spent on it for the development of the land; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that the State Government has given this land to the Authority free of cost?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) As against the total requirement of 47 acres of land, the State Government had given 42.18 acres of land, free of cost, to the Airports Authority of India (AAI). AAI plans to construct a new modern terminal building, civil apron, taxi track and boundary wall at an estimated cost of Rs. 19.50 crores. The work on construction of boundary wall has commenced. Tendering for other works is in progress.

Modernisation of Bhubaneshwar Airport

2010. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to modernise and expand some domestic airports in the country;

(b) if so, the funds earmarked for the purpose;

(c) whether Bhubaneshwar Airport (Biju Patnaik Airport) is also being modernised and expanded; and

(d) if so, the details of funds allocated for the purpose till 1999-2000 year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir. Modernisation and expansion of domestic airports is a continuous process and is taken up in a phased manner depending upon operational requirements and availability of funds.

(b) An amount of Rs. 1900 crores has been earmarked in the IX Five Year Plan for the purpose.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The funds allocated for expansion and modernisation of Bhubaneshwar airport during the years 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000 are Rs. 6.63 crores, Rs. 4.76 crores and Rs. 3.10 crores respectively.

Landing Gadgets at Delhi Airport

2011. SHRI RAMACHANDRAIAH RUMANDLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether heavy smog in Delhi during winter months invariably delays air journeys on account of lack of proper landing gadgets; and

(b) if so, the measures taken to solve the problem?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Category II Instrument Landing System (ILS) has been installed at Indira Gandhi International airport in Delhi which has made possible landing/take off of aircraft in relatively low visibility conditions. Category III ILS will be commissioned in November, 2000 which will make landing/take off possible even in still lower visibility conditions.

Village Panchayats with STD Facilities in Assam

2012. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the member of village Panchayats in Assam which have been provided with post and telegraph office facility so far during 1999;